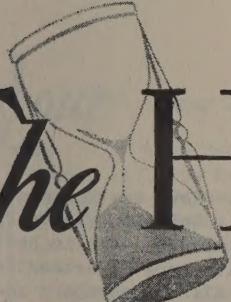


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## NAZI-UKRAINIAN SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE RING LAUNCHES INTENSE CAMPAIGN IN U. S.

Ukrainian Fifth Columnists Active in Army and Defense Industries; Bombing Instructions Being Distributed; Contacts Reach into High Places; Nazis Offer Ford Executive Position of Minister of Internal Affairs in Ukraine

With the Germans driving against Russia, Ukrainian-American fascists have shifted into high gear their extensive and intricate Fifth Column machine. Acting on instructions from Nazi Germany, they are redoubling all propaganda, espionage and sabotage efforts on this continent.

A pact of old standing exists between Hitler and the Ukrainian fascists. Several years ago Der Fuehrer promised to put their leaders in power when he took over the Ukraine. In exchange, the Ukrainian fascists agreed to carry on vigorous pro-Nazi Fifth Column activity not only in the Soviet Union itself, but also throughout all of Europe and wherever Ukrainians have settled in other parts of the world.

There are approximately one million Ukrainians in the United States. The vast majority of them are pro-democratic; but a small fascist minority have maneuvered into strategic positions in the Ukrainian-American community and have promoted Hitler's cause in this country with fanatical zeal. They have placed agents in every key industry. They are assigning an increasing number of men to work in the army and navy. They are circulating among their cohorts detailed instructions on the manufacturing of bombs and other explosives. They have organized a vast network for espionage, sabotage and propaganda activities.

The Third Reich has delegated to these Ukrainian-American fascists increasing responsibility for Nazi espionage and sabotage activity in the United States. In fact, the Ukrainian Fifth Column can today be regarded as the chief auxiliary for Nazi subversive efforts not only in the United States but also in Canada and South America.

### Key Ukrainian Fifth Column Agencies

The chief organizations for the conducting of Ukrainian Fifth Column activity are the ODNU (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine) and the Hetman, fanatically nationalist and terrorist groups which came



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into existence at the end of the First World War. Both are international organizations with branches throughout the world. Both are violently anti-Soviet and pro-fascist. Both have their present headquarters in Berlin. The ODNU works under the supervision of the Intelligence Department of the German War Office. The Hetman takes orders from Alfred Rosenberg and his "Aussenpolitisches Amt" (Office for Foreign Politics).

Of the two organizations the ODNU is the more powerful and, if possible, the more violent. At the head of the Provid, ODNU central body in Berlin, is Colonel Andrew Melnyk, notorious terrorist and saboteur. All members of the Provid are expert terrorists. They actually go through a period of training in all forms of subversive activities. For this purpose an "Espionage and Sabotage School" exists in Berlin; there is a second in Vienna. Contact between the Provid and the local centers is maintained by liaison officers who systematically visit the various countries in which ODNU branches are located; these liaison officers have great authority and are accepted as personal representatives of Fuehrer Melnyk and the Provid as a whole. A secret oath, pledging absolute allegiance and blind obedience to their Fuehrer, binds all members of local organizations.

Chief of the Hetman organization and known as "The Hetman" is General Paul Skoropadsky, former Tsarist general who in 1918 served as Kaiser Wilhelm's puppet ruler of the Ukraine. Skoropadsky and his son, Danylo, supervise Hetman activities, together with a small band of pro-Nazi White Russians, most of whom were once officers in the Tsar's Army. The group as a whole is fiercely anti-Semitic and is eager to re-introduce into the Ukraine the bloodthirsty pogroms which they supervised toward the end of the First World War.

In the United States, Hetmanites are particularly active in industrial centers. In August, 1940, The Hour disclosed that the Hetman was conducting an intense campaign to build up its strength in key manufacturing cities. The Middle West was the focal point of this drive; Chicago and Detroit were marked by special activity.

## Case of John Koos, Candidate for Ministry of Internal Affairs in (Nazi) Ukraine

An example of the positions of influence gained by fascist Ukrainians in the United States is the case of John Koos. Koos is one of the Hetman leaders in the Middle West. At the Ukrainian Nationalist Association Convention this year, Koos was elected vice-chairman in the opening session and later took over the chairmanship. ODNU and Hetman members alike regard Koos with respect and accept his word as law.

But John Koos' activities are by no means limited to the Ukrainian fascist movement. Koos for some time has been right-hand man to Harry Bennett of the Ford Motor Company. There are approximately 2,000 Ukrainians employed in the Ford Dearborn plant, and Koos, whose hobby is labor-espionage, has not only built up a spy system among these Ukrainian workers but has also attempted to recruit many of them to the Hetman movement. Only a few months ago, with the backing of the company, Koos ran for State Senator in Michigan.



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When Danylo Skoropadsky, The Hetman's son, visited the United States in 1938, he stayed in Detroit with Koos. Through Koos, Danylo met Henry Ford. After the departure of the ex-Tsarist general's son, whose traveling expenses had been paid by Alfred Rosenberg, Koos cabled Adolf Hitler congratulating him on his "settlement of the minority problem."

The Hour is now reliably informed that Danylo Skoropadsky brought from his father a decoration for John Koos, in recognition of the Ford executive's able assistance to the fascist Ukrainian movement in America. Danylo also delivered to Koos a message from Der Fuehrer himself. The message was that when the Third Reich takes over the Ukraine, John Koos -- if he wishes -- will be appointed Minister of Internal Affairs in his native land.

#### Bombing Instructions and Wrecking

On February 8, 1941, The Hour carried an article entitled, "Svoboda Prints Instructions on Bomb-Making." The item described how the official publication of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association had published a series of articles giving to its 40,000 readers detailed instructions on the making of bombs and other explosives. We pointed out that it was significant that Luke Myshuha, editor of Svoboda and intimate of ODWU and Hetman members, had visited Berlin in 1939 and spoken over the Nazi-controlled radio network.

On April 5, subsequent to the Pennsylvania Railroad train wreck which caused the death of five persons, The Hour urged an immediate investigation by federal authorities of the Ukrainian terrorist groups active in and about Pittsburgh. We listed the key Ukrainian Fifth Columnists in the area and described how Captain Leonid Klimenko, a Provid agent from Berlin, had recently met with and given secret instructions to these fascist Ukrainians. We also pointed out that on the Manhattan Limited, which the saboteurs had intended to wreck instead of the Cleveland-to-Pittsburgh Express, there were forty-four Russian engineers and diplomats, representatives of that government which the Ukrainian fascists have sworn to destroy in conjunction with the Nazis.

Following our story on the train wreck, The Hour offices were visited by Theodore Wozniak, proven to have been one of the key German agents in the setting off of the famed Black Tom Explosion. In our item on the wreck, we had pointed out that Wozniak is today in close touch with ODWU and Hetman members. Wozniak recommended that in the future The Hour use "caution" in making any mention of his name. (During the conversation between Wozniak and the editor of The Hour, the blade of a hack saw dropped out of Wozniak's sleeve.)

State and federal authorities are now investigating the Ukrainian fascist movement in the Pittsburgh area, in connection with the train wreck.

#### Penetration of U. S. Army

ODWU members boast among themselves of their activity in the armed forces of the United States Government. On August 21, 1940, in a letter to Svoboda, ODWU bigwig Stephen Kuropas told how, "Ukrainians join the U.S. Army



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and depart to serve in the Hawaiian Islands, in the Phillipines and in the territory of the Panama Canal." A particularly interesting section of Kurepas' letter described how his Ukrainian friends in the army "send photographs which show that these Ukrainian boys are very good military material."

The Hour has learned that within the last month a Ukrainian-American captain in the U. S. Army was demoted for having turned over lists of the names and addresses of army engineers and technicians to one Senyk-Grybiwsky. Senyk-Grybiwsky is a key liaison officer of the Provid; he is one of the best known terrorists among the fascist Ukrainians. He operates from Berlin and has become a frequent visitor to the United States.

Another typical case is that of John Kosan, active ODWU member in Pittsburgh. Kosan has four children, three sons and a daughter. Two of his sons are working for the U. S. Government in the Canal Zone; one in the capacity of surveyor, the other as a mechanic of Diesel engines. Kosan's daughter is engaged to a lieutenant in the United States Army. We are reliably informed that when Provid agent Senyk-Grybiwsky last visited Pittsburgh, he stayed at Kosan's house.

#### Need for Immediate Investigation

The Hour has documentary proof that during the last year Ukrainian fascists have been traveling throughout the United States taking photographs of industrial centers, bridges, roads, railroads, etc. Copies of these photographs are going to the Japanese as well as to the Germans.

The Hour urges that the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately round up the Ukrainian terrorists operating in the United States and conduct a thorough investigation of their espionage and sabotage activities.

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#### PAUL REVERE SENTINELS DISBAND

The Paul Revere Sentinels, a branch of the Coughlinite movement in New York, has disbanded. The liquidation of the stormtroop band came as a result of financial difficulties. Last week the Sentinels were ousted from their quarters at 232 East 42nd Street for being two months behind in their rent.

During the past four years the Sentinels devoted their efforts mainly to the promotion of Father Coughlin's propaganda material. Working closely with them and supervising their activities was the Royal Oak priest's eastern representative, Father Edward J. Brophy, author of The Christian Front -- Its Justification and Need.

James O'Kelley, Paul Revere Sentinels chief, crestfallenly admits his band will be "temporarily" unable to continue its anti-democratic activities. He adds, however, that an attempt will be made to revive the Sentinels "when the country needs our patriotic services."